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Title- In Obama's lap

Op-ed in liberal Folha de S.Paulo (7-23) by their columnist Eliane Catanhede says: "The threat of the elected President Manuel Zelaya returning to Honduras..... gives evidence....to the decisive influence of the U.S.....Obama, who tends to be much better than Bush for the entire world,.....recomposes the natural hegemony of the region's major power. The Honduras' bomb is in Obama's lap."

Title- Honduras is Chavez' Second Colombia

Op-ed in center right O Estado de S.Paulo (7-23) by sociologist Demetrio Magnoli states: "Honduras.....has no economic importance.....but [it is imperative].....for Hugo Chavez' project to expand his 'Bolivarian Revolution' [which] as with every revolution, only has the alternative to expand or to stagnate and die. Chavez cannot admit a second Colombia."
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